(iii) Expansion of the coverage of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and National Rural Employment Programme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Compulsory Registration of Powerlooms

1590. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision in favour of compulsory registration of powerlooms;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons which promoted Government to take such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI (KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The provision regarding compulsory registration is continued in the present policy with a view to getting the required data, considered essential for healthy development and regulation of powerlooms. It is envisaged that the registration will cover existing powerlooms and such new powerlooms, which are sought to be set up keeping in view locational guidelines.

Development of Wildlife Tourism Centre

1591. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the development of Wildlife Tourism Centre if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) in what manner the plan is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) whether there is any plan to select any site in Rajasthan and especially in Thar desert area of Western Rajasthan with a view to developing Wildlife Tourism Centre?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Department has taken a decision to develop tourism facilities in various Wild Life Sanctuaries, both for the domestic and foreign tourists. A provision of Rs. 560.00 lakhs has been made for the purpose for the duration of 7th Five Year Plan. Action has been taken for the construction of forest lodges as well as provision of mini buses/elephants in National Parks/Wild Life Sanctuaries at Betla, Ranthambore, Similipal, Bandhavgarh, Enjal, Manas, Corbett, Dudhwa, Kaziranga, Chilha, Alwar, Madumalai, Pong Dam Lake, Ranuka Sanctuary, Tirthan and Sam Desert National Park etc.

One of the recommendations of the Seminar, recently conducted by the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, pertaining to the establishment of a Committee of Wild Life Experts to advise the Government in the development and promition of Wild Life Tourism; has been accepted by the Government.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism had accepted the proposal of construction of tourist cottages at Sam Desert National Park, Jaisalmer. An amount of Rs. 8.00 lakhs out of the estimated cost of Rs. 15.51 lakhs was released to the Government of Rajasthan in December, 1984. Howefer, the work could not be commenced so far by the State Government as the acquisition of land for the project has yet not been completed. It is expected that the State Government will be commencing this project very soon.

Press Report captioned "But where is the Computer, Sir"

1592. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report captioned "But where is the computer, Sir" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 31st January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the computer has not so far been

installed at the National Vocational Training Institute (Women's wing);

(c) whether it is a fact that diplomas will not be awarded to the trainees at the end of the course as no practical work has been covered;

(d) if so, wheher any responsibility has been fixed in this regard; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The course "Data Preparation Assistant" which has been started at the National Vocational Training Institute for Women, New Delhi does not need an exclusive computer. The off-line terminals needed for imparting the training have been installed. The limited exposure to the computer needed for operating the simple programme prepared by the trainees, has been provided by taking the trainees to other computer installations.

(c) Since the required practical training has been provided to the trainees, the question of not awarding the certificates to the successful trainees at the end of the course does not arise. As envisaged under the scheme, arrangements are being made for providing 6 months on the job training in computer installations after the completition of six months of institutional training.

(d) and (e) In view of the above, the question of fixing the responsibility and taking further action does not arise.

Model Law on Consumer Protection

1593. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently framed a Model Law on Consumer Protection for adoption by all the States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when it is to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The draft model law on consumer protection to be adopted by the States provides for setting up a Consumer Protection Council, Directorate of Consumers' Affairs and a Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum. The objectives of the proposed measures is to protect and promote consumer interest and provide for a forum for speedy and inexpensive redressal of grievances of consumers. The Consumer Protection Council shall promote and protect the rights of the consumer such as right to safety, right to be informed, right to choose, right to be heard and right to seek redressal against unscrupulous exploitation of consumers by some manufacturers/traders. The Council will undertake programmes for providing information and education to consumers and development of consumer protection movement. The Directorate of Consumer Affairs will be an executive arm to receive consumers' complaints and to act on them. The Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum will be a quasi-judicial machinery for speedy and inexpensive settlement of consumer disputes.

(c) The law will be applied after completing the legislative process.

Price tagging of goods

1594. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that customers are often cheated by the shopkeepers in two ways, firstly the goods are sold in loose form and not in packages and secondly there is no price tag on the goods put on sale for the benefit of the prospective buyers

(b) whether Government are also aware that even the items which are put on 'grand sale' do not carry the price tags indicating the original prices and price cut on these articles and such sales benefit only the shopkeepers; and